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SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 1899.

A Judicious Metropolitan Police Bill. A good reform, not to be abortive, should be considered with great circumspection, and the effects of any change it may make be well weighed. It must be remembered that we will lose from the old anchorage, and have to see where we will drift, before taking that step. We believe, and have believed for years, that the existing system of police appointments in Philadelphia was radically defective. The policeman held office on a tenure so slight that the best qualified class of men were loth to accept an appointment. If they did, they lost their present means of livelihood, and adopted another which might at any change of party politics be withdrawn from them. This is the great error in the present system, which all reforms should tend to remedy. Any bill which would succeed the present one should, above all else, make the office of policeman stable and dependent on merit. The numerous advantages which grow out of such a change are at once apparent. Better officers are secured, personal merit and not political service have more to do with the choice, the men take a pride in their places and perform faithfully their labors, they avoid all collusion with the ruffians whom it is their duty to repress, for they know that, as they held only during good behavior, no partisan favoritism can protect them from removal for cause. Other advantages would also flow from the change which need not be repeated by us. But to do this the change must be a change of tenure of office, not a change of the power of appointment. We must look higher than the present, and seek to raise the morals of the officers, not to alter their politics. The reason why we support a Metropolitan Police Commission bill is not because Mayor Fox will be deprived of his appointments, but because the present is a good time to effect a reform which is needed whether Mayor Fox or Mayor Tyndale should reign at Fifth and Chestnut streets.

In this light let us look at the bill as introduced into the Senate, and see if it is such a one as will cure the present defects. It provides that five Republican gentlemen—all men of good standing and unquestioned worth—shall constitute a commission from now until next October, and that at that time the next five districts, named in the bill, shall elect five commissioners to succeed the gentlemen named. Does this make the office more stable? Does it do away with any of its political aspects? We answer without hesitation, no. It would, if anything, make the policeman more of a politician than ever before, after next October. We do not doubt that the five gentlemen named would make good appointments, but their offices are but for nine months; after that the lowest class of politicians would come into play, and cause a degeneracy instead of an elevation in the policeman. Men through a little personal favoritism would be nominated in each district, and the friends of reform would be compelled either to support the nominations or else put Democrats into power, and run the risk of having the Fourth ward gang for guardians of the public peace; for it is remembered that it would not be the most respectable of the Democracy that would court the office of Commissioner. Such men as Mr. Fox or Colonel Page would give way to Aldermen Riddle or McMullin. The result would be that seven devils would return to the house which he had attempted to sweep and garnish. We therefore think that the proposed bill is worse than the present state of affairs, and is in no respect such a one as we need in Philadelphia.

In a judicious law the eschewing of politics in the selection of the Commissioners, or, more correctly, the exclusion of politicians, should be the aim. It should be a combination of elected and appointed officers, which would both represent and restrain popular sentiment. This would be accomplished by making the Board consist of the Mayor of the city for President—this is a compliment due to the Executive, and a right due to the people who elected him—the Judges of our Court of Common Pleas, and either the Presidents of Councils or two gentlemen elected by Councils for this special purpose. By this means we would, to a great extent, get free from many tolls of politics, and tend to cure the evils under which we here labor. We hope a substitute for the present bill will be offered by some Senator, and by so doing he will deserve the thanks of our people. We feel sure that Senator Henszey, who moved the present bill, will join as heartily as any one else in the correction of the errors it contains. He is the father of the idea, but it needs certain modifications which he will not oppose.

A Pension for Mrs. Lincoln. A PROPOSAL to give Mrs. Lincoln a pension has been introduced in Congress, and \$5000 per annum has been named as a proper amount. Mrs. Lincoln has never been popular, but whether she deserves her unpopularity or not, the fact that she is the widow of Abraham Lincoln should always be borne in mind by the American people, and she should receive the consideration to which that fact entitles her. No more fitting recognition of the nation's obligations to Mr. Lincoln could

be made than by allowing his wife such a pension as would certainly place her and her family not only beyond the reach of want, but in comfortable circumstances. The proposition to give Mrs. Lincoln a suitable pension ought to pass both houses of Congress without opposition. The Age this morning asks, "Why not extend like relief to the widow of President Polk?" If Mrs. Polk is in want she should receive relief, but there is no necessity of giving her a pension merely as a compliment. James K. Polk never rendered the same services to the country that Abraham Lincoln did, and the widow of the martyred President has peculiar claims on the generosity of the American people.

IT IS ASTONISHING how many bills can be trumped up against any man or government generous or careless enough to squander money with a lavish hand. We hazard little in the statement that plausible reasons could readily be advanced at Washington by interested parties, in and out of Congress, for the expenditure in this country of the resources of all the nations of the earth. Every day develops new claimants and new classes of claimants, to Government bounty. If the inevitable necessity did not exist that somebody somewhere must finally work hard and fare poorly to secure the payment of the debts which would be contracted by these proposed expenditures, it would be a glorious thing for Congress to dispose of the whole matter as, once by making a donation of a million of dollars to every American citizen, "without distinction of color or previous condition." As "equal and exact justice" of this description, however, would obviously defeat its avowed object, the next best thing to a perfectly equitable division of Government bounty is the resolute enforcement of a policy of retrenchment and the stern refusal to donate a single mill without the sure return of equal value in indispensable services. Since we cannot all be enriched by legislation, let us be careful that none are impoverished or unnecessarily taxed by it.

A BILL has been introduced in the State Legislature providing for the appraisal of plank roads in Philadelphia and their relinquishment to the city. We are not familiar with the details of this measure, and for aught we know, it may contain some objectionable clauses, but the principle on which it is founded is undoubtedly correct. It is a reproach to Philadelphia that travel on nearly all the passable roads leading to the suburbs and to adjacent counties is subject to continual taxation. Toll-gates innumerable loom up to levy tribute upon travellers, and while each exaction may in itself be trivial, their constant recurrence is vexatious as well as burdensome. Boston long ago perfected a system by which toll-gates were abolished at all points within ten miles of that city; and the residents of the surrounding regions always approach her limits with a feeling of thankfulness for her liberality. Here we suppose clogs upon intercourse in a spirit of unwise parsimony and neglect. It is the duty of the city to maintain good roads wherever they are needed within her confines, and it is a small business to snuff chartered companies to assume this duty, and to tax the public in their own way.

The February Magazines. LIPPINCOTT'S.—The February number of this magazine opens with the fifth, sixth, and seventh chapters of Robert Dale Owen's novel of "Beyond the Breakers," which is illustrated with a fine design by Professor C. Schussler. The other contributions are a poem entitled "A New Legend," by Howard Glyndon; a critical notice of Theodor, by James M. Barnes; a discussion of the woman question, under the title of "New Wine in Old Bottles," by Eunice Drayton; "My Chances," a poem, by E. Buchanan Reid; "Price of a Diamond," a story, by Professor Samuel H. Dickson; "American Artists at Home," by Annie M. Brewster; "Over Yonder," the first part of a novelette by the author of "Old Mam'le's Secret," etc.; "The Secret Agent in Foreign Parts," "Southern Reconstruction," by a Tennesseean; "A Pennsylvania Magazine in 1776," by Jessie E. Ringwald; "Our Monthly Gossip," and "Literature of the Day." Lippincott's keeps the place it has won in the front rank of the monthlies, and the present number has interest and variety.

THE GALAXY.—Chapters fifth, sixth, and seventh of Mrs. Edwards' novel of "Susan Fielding" are followed by a little poem entitled "A Message," by H. H. "Queen Victoria and her Subjects" are discussed by Justin McCarthy; "Coffee and its Addictations in New York," engage the attention of Dr. John C. Draper; "One Woman's Work" is an account of the life and labor of Charlotte Cushman, by C. W. Elliott; under the head of "New York Journalists," Mr. Eugene Benson gives his opinions of Parke Godwin, of the "Evening Post"; "Violet Eyes" is a little poem by Edmund C. Stedman; "Lighthouses" is an interesting article by Edward Abbott; "The Grammarless Tongue" is a chapter about "Words and their Uses," by Richard Grant White; Miss Jane G. Austin's novel of "Cypher" is continued from the eighteenth to the twenty-second chapter. Under the heads of "The Galaxy Miscellany," "Driftwood," "Literature and Art," and "Nebulae," a variety of interesting subjects are considered. It is announced that Charles Reade's new story will be commenced in the next number of The Galaxy. THE ATLANTIC.—Colonel Higginson continues his novel of "Malbone"; "The Doorstep" is a poem of some merit; "Our Postal Deficiencies" are discussed by E. H. Derby in a practical manner; "Co-operative Housekeepers" is the continuation of a series of papers that have attracted considerable attention; "Charles Baudelaire, the Poet of the Malign," is critically described by Eugene Malin; "Consumption in America," second paper, is worthy of perusal; "The Bee and the Rose" is a graceful little poem; "Hibiscus in England" is by Arthur Fenner; and "A Poem in the Sea storm" is a characteristic attempt at poetry by Walt Whitman; "The New Education" is a thoughtful article by Charles W. Elliot; "Birth of the Solar System" is a new theory on the subject by J. D. Whelpley; "Love in Mount Lebanon" is a story by Mr. De Forest; Mrs. Stone contributes an article on the late Duchesse of Sutherland under the title of "A Treatise of a Loving Friend to

the Memory of a Noble Woman; "Our Four Servants" is a pleasant little story; and the "Literary Notices" with which the number concludes are scholarly and appreciative. THE LADY'S FRIEND, published by Messrs. Deacon & Peterson, has an attractive variety of fine fashion plates, patterns, etc. A steel engraving, entitled "You are no. 1" is given as a frontispiece, and Mr. E. B. Bessell has a very spirited illustration to the very interesting story by Mrs. Wood which is contained in this number. The other articles are up to the best standard of this magazine.

RELIGIOUS NOTICES. SERMONS TO BE PREACHED AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, BROAD AND GREEN STREETS, PHILADELPHIA, ON WEDNESDAY EVENING, JANUARY 12, 1899. Rev. HENRY M. STORER, D. D., of Brooklyn, will preach a sermon especially to young men to-morrow (Wednesday) evening at 7 o'clock, at the CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, BROAD AND GREEN STREETS, PHILADELPHIA. The subject will be "THE YOUNG MEN OF THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, BROAD AND GREEN STREETS, PHILADELPHIA." The service will be held at 7 o'clock, at the CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, BROAD AND GREEN STREETS, PHILADELPHIA.

THE INSTALLATION OF THE REV. MATTHEW NEWMARK, Pastor of the CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, BROAD AND GREEN STREETS, PHILADELPHIA, will take place to-morrow (Wednesday) evening at 7 o'clock, at the CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, BROAD AND GREEN STREETS, PHILADELPHIA. The service will be held at 7 o'clock, at the CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, BROAD AND GREEN STREETS, PHILADELPHIA.

TO MEDICAL STUDENTS. THE SIXTH of the series of sermons on "THE STUDY OF MEDICINE" will be given to-morrow (Wednesday) evening at 7 o'clock, at the CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, BROAD AND GREEN STREETS, PHILADELPHIA. The subject will be "THE STUDY OF MEDICINE." The service will be held at 7 o'clock, at the CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, BROAD AND GREEN STREETS, PHILADELPHIA.

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, WASHINGTON SQUARE, PHILADELPHIA, will hold a service to-morrow (Wednesday) evening at 7 o'clock, at the CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, BROAD AND GREEN STREETS, PHILADELPHIA. The subject will be "THE STUDY OF MEDICINE." The service will be held at 7 o'clock, at the CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, BROAD AND GREEN STREETS, PHILADELPHIA.

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WENT SPRUCE STREET CHURCH, PHILADELPHIA, will hold a service to-morrow (Wednesday) evening at 7 o'clock, at the CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, BROAD AND GREEN STREETS, PHILADELPHIA. The subject will be "THE STUDY OF MEDICINE." The service will be held at 7 o'clock, at the CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, BROAD AND GREEN STREETS, PHILADELPHIA.

SPRING GARDEN BAPTIST CHURCH, PHILADELPHIA, will hold a service to-morrow (Wednesday) evening at 7 o'clock, at the CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, BROAD AND GREEN STREETS, PHILADELPHIA. The subject will be "THE STUDY OF MEDICINE." The service will be held at 7 o'clock, at the CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, BROAD AND GREEN STREETS, PHILADELPHIA.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH, PHILADELPHIA, will hold a service to-morrow (Wednesday) evening at 7 o'clock, at the CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, BROAD AND GREEN STREETS, PHILADELPHIA. The subject will be "THE STUDY OF MEDICINE." The service will be held at 7 o'clock, at the CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, BROAD AND GREEN STREETS, PHILADELPHIA.

REV. D. C. EDDY, D. D., of Boston, will preach before the Young Men of the CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, BROAD AND GREEN STREETS, PHILADELPHIA, on Wednesday evening, January 12, 1899. The subject will be "THE STUDY OF MEDICINE." The service will be held at 7 o'clock, at the CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, BROAD AND GREEN STREETS, PHILADELPHIA.

THE BIRTH OF THE NATION. A course of six illustrated lectures on the "GEOLOGY AND THE NATURAL HISTORY OF CREATION," by Dr. J. P. BOYNTON, will be given on Wednesday evening, January 12, 1899, at the CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, BROAD AND GREEN STREETS, PHILADELPHIA. The subject will be "THE STUDY OF MEDICINE." The service will be held at 7 o'clock, at the CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, BROAD AND GREEN STREETS, PHILADELPHIA.

THE FAME INSURANCE COMPANY, PHILADELPHIA, will hold a meeting to-morrow (Wednesday) evening at 7 o'clock, at the CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, BROAD AND GREEN STREETS, PHILADELPHIA. The subject will be "THE STUDY OF MEDICINE." The service will be held at 7 o'clock, at the CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, BROAD AND GREEN STREETS, PHILADELPHIA.

THE COUPONS OF THE LOAN FUND RAILWAY COMPANY, PHILADELPHIA, will hold a meeting to-morrow (Wednesday) evening at 7 o'clock, at the CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, BROAD AND GREEN STREETS, PHILADELPHIA. The subject will be "THE STUDY OF MEDICINE." The service will be held at 7 o'clock, at the CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, BROAD AND GREEN STREETS, PHILADELPHIA.

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SPECIAL NOTICES. STATEMENT OF THE ASSETS OF THE PHILADELPHIA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, PHILADELPHIA, will hold a meeting to-morrow (Wednesday) evening at 7 o'clock, at the CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, BROAD AND GREEN STREETS, PHILADELPHIA. The subject will be "THE STUDY OF MEDICINE." The service will be held at 7 o'clock, at the CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, BROAD AND GREEN STREETS, PHILADELPHIA.

OFFICE OF THE DIAMOND COAL COMPANY, PHILADELPHIA, will hold a meeting to-morrow (Wednesday) evening at 7 o'clock, at the CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, BROAD AND GREEN STREETS, PHILADELPHIA. The subject will be "THE STUDY OF MEDICINE." The service will be held at 7 o'clock, at the CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, BROAD AND GREEN STREETS, PHILADELPHIA.

OFFICE OF THE FARM INSURANCE COMPANY, PHILADELPHIA, will hold a meeting to-morrow (Wednesday) evening at 7 o'clock, at the CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, BROAD AND GREEN STREETS, PHILADELPHIA. The subject will be "THE STUDY OF MEDICINE." The service will be held at 7 o'clock, at the CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, BROAD AND GREEN STREETS, PHILADELPHIA.

OFFICE INS. CO. NORTH AMERICA, PHILADELPHIA, will hold a meeting to-morrow (Wednesday) evening at 7 o'clock, at the CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, BROAD AND GREEN STREETS, PHILADELPHIA. The subject will be "THE STUDY OF MEDICINE." The service will be held at 7 o'clock, at the CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, BROAD AND GREEN STREETS, PHILADELPHIA.

MERCHANTS' FUND.—THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MERCHANTS' FUND will be held to-morrow (Wednesday) evening at 7 o'clock, at the CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, BROAD AND GREEN STREETS, PHILADELPHIA. The subject will be "THE STUDY OF MEDICINE." The service will be held at 7 o'clock, at the CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, BROAD AND GREEN STREETS, PHILADELPHIA.

THE BUSINESS MAN. Who understands his best interests keeps himself handsomely clad. THE BUSINESS MAN. Who is successful in business need not go shabby. THE BUSINESS MAN. Of olden time used to think it was a sign of good business habits to wear shabby old clothes.

ROCKHILL & WILSON, GREAT BROWN STONE HALL, PHILADELPHIA, will hold a meeting to-morrow (Wednesday) evening at 7 o'clock, at the CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, BROAD AND GREEN STREETS, PHILADELPHIA. The subject will be "THE STUDY OF MEDICINE." The service will be held at 7 o'clock, at the CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, BROAD AND GREEN STREETS, PHILADELPHIA.

CLARK & BIDDLE, No. 712 CHESTNUT STREET, PHILADELPHIA, will hold a meeting to-morrow (Wednesday) evening at 7 o'clock, at the CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, BROAD AND GREEN STREETS, PHILADELPHIA. The subject will be "THE STUDY OF MEDICINE." The service will be held at 7 o'clock, at the CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, BROAD AND GREEN STREETS, PHILADELPHIA.

J. E. CALDWELL & CO., No. 819 CHESTNUT STREET, PHILADELPHIA, will hold a meeting to-morrow (Wednesday) evening at 7 o'clock, at the CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, BROAD AND GREEN STREETS, PHILADELPHIA. The subject will be "THE STUDY OF MEDICINE." The service will be held at 7 o'clock, at the CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, BROAD AND GREEN STREETS, PHILADELPHIA.

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